

REMARKS

In the Response filed on March 21, 2005, the Applicant traversed the Examiner's requirement for a species election, but nonetheless elected to prosecute the subject matter of Species (embodiment) I, readable on claims 2-4 and 15-17. The Applicant further respectfully submitted that claims 1, 18, and 20 were generic to all of the listed species and requested continued examination of the same along with elected claims 2-4 and 15-17.

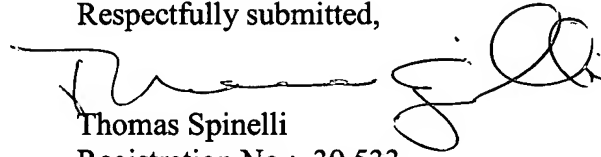
The Applicant respectfully submits that claim 19 is also generic to all of the listed species and requests continued examination of the same along with elected claims 2-4 and 15-17 and previously identified generic claims 1, 18, and 20.

With regard to claim 19, although the same may use different terminology, it is nonetheless are generic to each of the disclosed embodiments. That is, it is broad enough in scope to cover all of the disclosed embodiments and is therefore, not limited to any of the disclosed embodiments.

Therefore, in summary, the Applicant respectfully requests that the present Species election be withdrawn and that claims 1-20 be examined on the merits for at least the reasons set forth in the previous Response. If the Examiner can make a showing that such Species election is proper, at the very least, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 18 to 20 are generic to each of the disclosed embodiments and that such claims be examined along with elected claims 2-4 and 15-17.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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